

Taxpayers Ask IRS

Special Forms Available For Claims for Refunds

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

How do I go about putting in a claim for a refund?

Enter your claim on Form 1040-X, Amended U. S. Individual Income Tax Return. Copies of the form and instructions for completing it are available at local IRS offices. Copies may also be obtained by writing to your District Director.

The new Form 1040-X is simpler to complete than previous claim forms or amended returns since only the information that is new or changed needs to be entered.

Claims filed on this form are given special attention and, in most cases, can be processed much faster heretofore.

What conditions have to be met before you can deduct an educational expense? I'm thinking of signing up for a course that will help in my work.

For education to be a deductible item it must either be required to keep your

present salary, status or employment or it is taken to maintain or improve his skills required in your present work. Education taken to meet the minimum educational requirements of your present job or that qualifies you for a new job or business is not deductible.

If you believe the course qualifies, a letter from your employer which states the purpose of the course you

are taking will help substantiate your claim for an educational deduction. Receipts, cancelled checks and bills for the tuition, books and other expenses of the night course can establish the amounts you spent.

My father died last March. Will a 1968 tax return have to be filed for him?

A return will have to be filed if his income was \$600

or more for the year (\$1,200 or more if he was 65 or over). If a return is required, it should be filed by the executor or administrator of the taxpayer's estate or his legal representative. It may be helpful for you to get a copy of IRS Document No. 5446, "Decedents." Just send a post card to your IRS district director.

My son has a small scholarship that covers

part of his college tuition. Will he have to report this as income or will I since he is my dependent?

Most scholarships are not taxable. If your son's scholarship happens to be taxable, however, it will be counted as his income not yours. He would report it on his own return.

To find out whether your son's scholarship is taxable or not, check with the person or organization granting it. Information on the tax status of scholarships may also be obtained by sending a post card to your IRS district director and re-

questing Document No. 5045, "What is Income?"

I just started in business for myself after years with a large company. Would the fact that I'm covered by Social Security prevent me from setting up my own retirement plan?

No, a self-employed person covered by Social Security is eligible to set up his own retirement plan.

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